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THE LEADING GROCERS**SURPRISED THEIR LEADER.****Norwegian Singers Pay Due Honor to Mr. L. Larsen.**

The Norwegian Singers celebrated the birthday of their leader, Mr. L. Larsen, by giving him a pleasant surprise on Friday night last at which a few tonic pills, the ladies' auxiliary, coffee, cakes, singing and last, but not least, the genial Rev. C. Aug. Petersen were the most prominent features of the evening. In a very happy little speech the reverend gentleman thanked Mr. Larsen for his kindness and patience. The singers thought, however, that their dear leader might need a little tonic, once in a while, and had therefore brought with them fifteen little pills or discs of the yellow metal which we sometimes call "the real thing" or the "real stuff."

Speaking about the Norwegian singers it should be borne in mind that the choir is now more than a year old and it is stronger, and better than ever before. Those who were present at the concert two weeks ago, have all expressed their pleasant surprise at the magnificent renditions of the different songs. The singers and their leader have worked faithfully twice a week during the summer and fall, and the work and training now begins to make itself more manifest in their individual singing.

Rev. C. Aug. Petersen explained in a very interesting manner what it meant or at least should mean to the city of Astoria, to have such a choir within her walls. The relation of the choir to the Astorians reminded him of the relation between the noted violinist Ole Bull and the famous inventor John Erickson. They were friends and good fellows at a distance but as John Erickson was not interested in music he did not care for Ole Bull's music as much as he cared for him as a man and a friend. Ole Bull, however, was music first and last and all the time, and in spite of the protest of Erickson, he brought his violin to his shop and began to explain the mechanism of his violin, the laws of vibration and sound waves and by explaining and playing as he talked he little by little played himself into the very bottom of the heart and soul of his friend. Tears dimmed his eyes, the clinking of hammers stopped, the little shop soon filled with the rapturous listeners, and when Ole Bull finally stopped, John Erickson grasped his hand and said: "Now, I know, what my soul has lost till today by not having been able to understand the value and power and beauty of music before."

Here we are in this city of seining and salmon, and we come to you to open your ears and hearts for the power and the beauty and joy of our songs and our music and we are glad to see so many of you here tonight. We are glad to sing to you and when we get older and stronger and better trained, we hope to be able to sing for you in such a manner, that you shall say: "Now I know, what my soul has gained by listening to the value and power and beauty of music and songs."

Among other numbers of the program, Miss Maja Fredriksen's violin solo, made such a hit that she had to play another piece, in which Scandinavian folk-melodies enthused the audience.

A choir of twelve little girls in national costumes, and Mr. Klinge, clad as a mountain peasant, were the closing feature of the evening.

Dr. Mohr furnished the audience with a thirty-five-minute reading, which was thirty minutes too long, but the audience took the punishment with comparatively good grace and cheer.

F. V. M.

LAST FOOTBALL GAME.**West Astoria and Owapupun Aggregations Meet This Afternoon.**

This afternoon the last gridiron contest of the season will be played on the A. F. C. grounds in this city between the teams of West Astoria and the Owapupun aggregation. From the reports which have been coming from each of the eleven, it is predicted that the contest will be one of the hardest fought of the season, and will be well worth witnessing.

The teams are both of about equal weight and experience; their records are both good; and so when they face one another this afternoon the chances are about equal for both. The game will be called at 2:30 sharp, and every one who comes will be assured of seeing some good sport. The crowd will be kept off the field during the game so that the view of any one will not be obstructed in the least. The officials which have been chosen are experienced men, and will see that both teams have a square deal. The line-up of the respective teams is as follows:

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SOME "SIGNAL" COMMENTS.**What the Seaside Press Has to Say on Current Matters.**

Saturday's Seaside Signal has some "meaty" things to say about things generally and among others the following are quoted:

"And now it is Astoria that will build a railroad into the Kingdom of Tillamook. 'Let her go, Gallagher!' Tillamook doesn't care who builds her a railroad, only she doesn't want it too long—that is, too long coming. Why the cemetery at Tillamook is becoming crowded with the graves of heart-broken people—people who took their journey hence—because of the long waiting they were forced to endure for the promised railroad that has never come. We only mention this fact as a warning to our Astoria friends that it is the essence of cruelty to a patient, long suffering and mighty good class of people to hold out a railroad promise to Tillamookians without some substantial prospect of delivering the goods."

"Well, keep your eye on Astoria and you will find that optic gradually turning to the southward to note the satisfaction of those same Tillamookians at the snap and energy of the coast metropolis, in building them a railroad quick. Blowing its own little red, health-horn, the Signal says:

"Seaside is the most popular summer resort on the North Pacific Coast. It ought to be the most popular winter resort—and health resort—as well. It is the healthiest place in the world. Only one death from natural causes in a year, and that of a man nearly 91 years old."

"Which, the same, there's none to deny."

Then it tells a tale of weary waiting by a couple of Southern neighbors, in the following terms:

"James Wilson and George Tone, two Tillamookians, passed through town Tuesday enroute home. They had been waiting at Astoria for a couple weeks for the sea to smooth down, so that they could go in on the Elmore, but finally lost all hope of the steamer's making another trip before another year."

These gentlemen were not the only couple who got worn out waiting for the Sue H. Elmore to go to sea. There was another couple, two cousins, who wanted to be married on the high sea, because the laws of Oregon would not permit their wedding on shore. These young people waited for two weeks or more, and then went away to Idaho, where the law doesn't operate to keep asunder loving kinsmen and kinswomen.

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Tribune from Danville, Ill., says: Charles H. Smith of the "Two Johns" company, who was shot on Wednesday by C. F. Cooper, a New York theatrical manager, in the former's room at the Saratoga Hotel because of his attentions to Cooper's wife, also a member of the "Two Johns" company, died at the hospital yesterday. After the inquest Coroner Speakman held Cooper without bond.

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SEAMEN'S SOCIETY PREPARING.

At a meeting of persons interested in the building up of the Seamen's work in this city, yesterday afternoon, it was agreed that the work should be taken up and the National Seamen's Society be informed to that effect. Rev. L. D. Mahone was elected as temporary chairman. On the 14th of the present month there will be a meeting in the Norwegian-Danish M. E. Church of Uppertown, when the organization will be completed. Rev. P. M. Ellefsen has been recommended to become the chaplain of the work.

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470-472 COMMERCIAL STREET

FELL INTO THE BAY.**Little Uniontown Lad Takes An Involuntary Dip.**

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock Alex, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Suonele, of Uniontown, while playing on the Union Fishermen's dock took an involuntary plunge over the stringer into the bay, wagon and all, as the culmination of a childish run.

Luckily the tide was out so that the water he fell into would not have drowned him, and his screams brought his father in a hurry. Mr. Suonele at once went over after the little chap and soon had him dripping like a sieve, but safe at home.

Unhappily the wagon became flotsam after it was jettisoned off the dock. All's well that ends well.

LAST RITES.**Mrs. Marie Olsen of This City is Laid to Rest in Greenwood Cemetery.**

All that was mortal of Mrs. Marie Olsen was laid to rest yesterday afternoon in Greenwood cemetery. The funeral services were held in the K. of P. hall in this city at 2 o'clock under the auspices of the Rathbone Sisters, of which organization the deceased was a member. Rev. W. S. Short of the Grace Episcopal Church officiating. There were many friends of the deceased present to testify to the high esteem and love in which she was held, and a large number accompanied the remains to their final resting place in Greenwood. Mrs. Olsen was forty-three years of age at the time of her death, and leaves a husband and three children, who have the sincerest sympathy of the whole community in their bereavement.

THREATENED FAMINE.**Supply of Logs Likely to be Short in 1906.**

The last South Bend Journal says: "Frank Hobi, the big logger of Canto was in the city Wednesday from his camp and reports a very satisfactory drive on North River as a result of Monday's freshet, but he says that even with every log down which is available on any stream in the country there is going to be a shortage of logs for South Bend and Raymond mills before the rains of the fall of 1906 can bring down a new supply unless it is that a big freshet comes along in June, which sometimes happens."

"He estimates that there are not over 20,000,000 feet of logs to be had and that will not begin to supply the mills. The Simpson mill is the only one on easy street, as the company has a logging railroad and can ship in logs from France."

"He thinks that the price of logs will have to advance here to somewhere near what is paid on Gray's Harbor and the Sound before the supply will equal the demand. The demand for lumber was never so good as now and it would be a calamity to the town for any of the mills to have to close down for lack of logs when orders for lumber are so numerous."

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